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NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SCOPE COTTON Events (17-21 July 1967)

1. On morning of 17 July 1967, this office was asked to proceed into the following tasks:

a. Negotiate with Air Force on receipt and storage of OXCART articles at Palmdale. The immediate concern was with Articles 122 and 134.

b. Review the original SCOPE COTTON phase-down plan and update to fit latest decisions.

2. The following events are highlighted in chronological sequence:

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a. AFRDR-P transmitted a message to the SR-71 SPO, SAC and the [ ] regarding new SCOPE COTTON decisions. OSA was not info. (We received bootleg copy later).

b. Project Depot transmitted a message to AFRDR-P and SR-71 SPO outlining a series of SCOPE COTTON recommendations. OSA was included as an info addressee through a request by [ ]

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c. [ ] started actions with the Project Depot, USAF, and the Lockheed Palmdale Site Manager relative to adequacy of storage facilities and the subsequent scheduling of aircraft deliveries.

d. Coordination was made with [ ] (D/M, SR-71 SPO) and agreement reached for a meeting at WPAFB at 0900 hours, 26 July 1967, to discuss (1) Palmdale storage requirements and (2) the joint development of a new SCOPE COTTON plan. [ ]

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[ ], Colonel Welch (AFRDR-P) and Major York [ ] were all alerted to attend the meeting.

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e. On Thursday afternoon (20 July) Mr. Parangosky was brought up to date on these developments. He requested the meeting be postponed until we received instructions in writing from D/NRO on who specifically was responsible for receipt and storage of aircraft at Palmdale. As a result, message [ ] was sent to D/NRO, info AFRDR-P, requesting the info. Message was coordinated with major staff elements and with General Bacalis.

3. Further storage actions hinge on a response from D/NRO.

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Chief, P&R Division, OSA

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